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## **PRISONER SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF WEAPON**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL W. HICKS, 28, U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to possession of contraband while in prison. The sentence was ordered to be served consecutive to his previously imposed sentence. This case was the result of a investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The Indictment, filed December 10, 2003, alleged that on July 21, 2003, Michael W. Hicks was working in the Building Trades Shop at the USPTH when a staff member witnessed

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him cutting two 9-inch long plexiglass weapons, commonly referred to as “shanks” within the prison.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed 2 years supervised release following HICKS’s release from imprisonment.

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